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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE DEC 1 8 2003,

In re the Application of:

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KILGER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/755,088

Examiner: Horlick, Kenneth R.

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 101614-00009

For:

METHOD FOR THE UNCOUPLED, DIRECT, EXPONENTIAL

AMPLIFICATION AND SEQUENCING OF DNA MOLECULES WITH THE ADDITION OF A SECOND THERMOSTABLE DNA POLYMERASE

AND ITS APPLICATION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a four (4) months extension, from August 10, 2003 to December 10, 2003, for filing a continuation application after the Notice of Appeal filed June 10, 2003. Attached is our check in the amount of \$1,480.00.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Docket No. 101614-00009**.

Respectfully submitted,

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